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Meeting Minutes
Kennedy Conference Room - Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Attendees: Mollie Anderson, Tom Shepherd, Joan Conrad, Stuart Crine, Mike Coveyou, John Perkins, Bill Brand, Sharon Tahtinen, Roya Stanley, Bob Mulqueen, Michelle Bauer.

Minutes

Minutes from the March 21, 2008 SEC meeting were approved with a change from Stuart Crine.

Other Business:

April 9 Power Fund Board meeting will be reviewing full applications that have been recommended by the Due Diligence Committee.

OEI and the Planning Committee have been working on next Energy Independence Plan. Coordinated a scoping exercise this afternoon to help with writing the RFP. RFP is to hire a consultant to help with Energy Independence Plan.

Starting work on the implementation of Executive Order 6.

Scheduling of SEC meetings. Normally, SEC meets monthly, and bi-monthly during the legislative session. Is the Council willing to continue bi-monthly meetings to help with the implementation of EO 6? Council agreed to continue meeting bi-monthly.

Stuart Crine shared with the council the Agenda for the Midwestern Governors' Energy Efficiency Advisory Group. Stuart will be attending the meeting April 23-24.

Mollie Anderson: The new office building will house the statewide elected officials. There has been no discussion of energy efficiency. DAS will continue to look at other ways to improve energy efficiency on the capitol complex. The Wal-Mart and Mid-American audits could provide for some good suggestions for improving energy efficiency. DAS is discouraged this week because DNR will not have a new energy efficient home. The legislature has decided to tear down the Wallace Building and the new building will house elected officials. Hopefully, there will be more discussion about DNR this week.

Legislation

All three DPS Electrician bills passed.

SF517 and 544 were rolled together. Making energy code applicable to commercial renovation and remodeling not residential remodeling and renovation. Also has language that gives Building Code Commissioner authority to establish sustainable design standards but not authority to decide when to use the design standards. Another significant change authorized BCC to authorize inspections to projects on existing buildings.

Sharon Tahtinen: SF 544 reenergizes the energy bank changes the structure and cleans up some archaic language. Establishes an energy bank fund

Bob Mulqueen: Some caution flags raised about language inserted into SF544 that has to do with confidentiality by the municipal utilities. Co-ops are not subject to the same requirements because they are only quasi-public. Bob provided summaries of 2008 Energy legislation of significance.

Joan Conrad: In terms of SF2386 the Gov's energy bill, RECs and Muni's have piled on amendments. Not sure what's going to happen with this bill.

Sharon Tahtinen: Talked about the Capitol recycling program and they will be trying to expand the program to other parts of capitol complex.

Mike Coveyou: They have been asked by Rep. Kelly to explain how they would achieve sustainable design standards. First, they would establish a working group. In terms of time frame they would try to have rules process started by January of next year but would not be finished by January. Also think it's bad to embed specific standards, Silver LEED for example, in statute.

Roya Stanley: Not comfortable with LEED standards, from an energy standpoint, not a really good building until you get to Platinum level. Suggests if putting Platinum in standards use the Platinum points in the language.

Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:

Friday April 18, 2008, 9 am to 10 am in the Kennedy Conference Room in the State Capitol Building.